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TO AMEMBASSY BANGUI IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:PPDC, CT, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR EMPEROR BOKASSA ON CORONATION

REF: BANGUI 2460

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO THE EMPEROR, AS AMENDED BY AND RECEIVED FROM
WHITE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON.

QUOTE: YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

I WISH THE BEST TO YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE AS YOUR IMPERIAL
CORONATION BEGINS A NEW EPOCH IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR
NATION.

A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY PLACES HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES
ON YOUR SHOULDERS FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR PEOPLE AND
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE. I HOPE
YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL SUCCEED IN THESE ENDEAVORS.

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS MAKES ME
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE GUARANTEES OF SUCH RIGHTS
CONTAINED IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND OTHER PROVISIONS
OF YOUR NEW CONSTITUTION. I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN MAKING

THESE GUARANTEES A REALITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS LETTER INVITING MRS. CARTER AND MYSELF TO THE CORONATION CEREMONIES IN BANGUI. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, DUE TO THE PRESS OF URGENT BUSINESS. IN OUR STEAD, I AM PLEASED TO DESIGNATE AMBASSADOR ANTHONY C.E. QUANTON AS MY SPECIAL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CORONATION.

I HOPE THE TALKS YOU HAVE RECENTLY BEGUN WITH HIM WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRIENDLY, FRANK AND OPEN. YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL WORK IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE WAY TO BRING THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES EVEN CLOSER. SINCERELY JIMMY CARTER
UNQUOTE

2. ENCRYPTED FOR TRANSMISSION. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ON DECEMBER 1 NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE. WHAT ARE OTHER GOVERNMENTS DOING AND WILL THERE BE A SEPARATE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION GIVEN CLOSE PRIORITY OF CORONATION DATE?

4. RE PARA. 2 REFTEL, DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL FRENCH TRANSLATION BY COB FRIDAY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOVEMBER 25, IF THIS IS NOT TOO LATE AND WOULD BE USEFUL. VANCE

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